(c) The details of crude oil production from ONGC offshore fields and fields operated through JV during the last three years are given below:

Year	Crude Oil Production (MMT)	
	ONGC	JV operated
2006-07	17.993	4.671
2007-08	18.020	4.894
2008-09	17.801	4.302

Gas produced by ONGC/OIL

†1329. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gas produced by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) are called Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) gas and Non-APM gas in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of APM gas and Non-APM gas out of total production;

(c) the consumer sale prices of these gases in March, 2009; and

(d) whether Government is making efforts to increase the prices of APM gas slowly and gradually it proposes to raise it upto the 4.2 dollar per MMSCM unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As informed by ONGC, out of its total production, approximately 97% is APM and 3% is non-APM. As informed by OIL, out of its total production, approximately 88% is APM and 12% is non-APM.

(c) The gas produced of ONGC & OIL is being sold to power and fertilizers sectors at APM rate of Rs.3200/mscm (thousand standard cubic meters) outside North-East and at Rs.1820/mscm in North-East. As regards other APM customers, *i.e.*, Court mandated customers and customers up to 50,000 scmd (standard cubic meters per day), natural gas is sold at Rs.3840/mscm outside North-East and at Rs.2304/mscm in North-East. Further, the gas produced by ONGC and OIL is sold at non-APM rates of US$4.75/mmbtu (million British thermal unit) in Gujarat, Maharashtra and along HBJ, at Rs.3200/mscm in North-East and at US$3.86/mmbtu in the rest of the country. The mentioned price excludes royalty, transportation charge, taxes, etc.

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(d) A proposal to increase the price of APM-gas gradually in under consideration of the Government.

Road-map for new gas connections

†1330. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given directions to oil companies to prepare road-map for providing 5.5 crores new gas connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas where new gas connections will be provided and the time-limit fixed therefore;

(d) whether Government has determined the number of new gas connections and the area for each oil company; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (e) As per the "Vision-2015" adopted for LPG sector, 5.5 crore new LPG connections are targeted to be released by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) by the year 2015 to raise LPG population coverage to 75%. The focus would be on rural areas and areas where LPG coverage is low.

As a step towards this objective, a new scheme of rural LPG distributor namely, Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) for small size LPG distribution agencies has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently advertisement inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released by in 8 States where the reach of LPG is low namely, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal covering 1215 locations.

Incident of fire at IOC depot at Jaipur

†1331. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the probe in the incident of fire at Indian Oil Corporation unit in Jaipur has been completed;

(b) if so, the major reasons therefor;

(c) whether any conspiracy angle has been established;

(d) whether foreign elements have been found to be involved in the incident;

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